



PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division
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Community Based Outpatient Clinics
Salem, OR Bend, OR
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NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> T38H-06-291-JC	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Registered Respiratory Therapist GS-601-7/8 \$36,564 to \$52,641 per annum	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> All Shifts M-F	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Patient Care Services, Portland Division
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Permanent Multiple Full-time positions	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-220-8262 x 57317	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 4/28/2006	8. <u>Closing Date</u> 1/8/2007

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Any US Citizen

MAJOR DUTIES:

The incumbent administers assisted and controlled ventilation to patients with tracheotomies and other complex medical problems requiring frequent adjustments in ventilator parameters; administers and monitors advanced ventilating techniques such as positive and expiratory pressure and continuous positive airway pressure; develops plans for weaning patients from ventilator; assessing the respiratory status of patients using the data acquired through physical observation and clinical analysis of blood gas data, chest X-rays, and electrocardiograms to determine the effectiveness of therapy being administered and to make recommendations, including endotracheal intubation, tracheal lavage, and tracheotomy care; and provide in-service training to others in various specialized areas of respiratory care. Demonstrates knowledge and abilities needed to perform complex respiratory procedures with minimal supervision. Is able to participate with physicians and nurses and other staff in planning respiratory treatment, with great reliance on the individual's knowledge of the equipment. Demonstrates knowledge and ability to provide emergency or critical respiratory care.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility: VHA Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G11 for RRT applies and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office. Regulatory requirements such as "time-in-grade" and "time after competitive appointment" are applicable.

Basic Qualifications: Current certification by the National Board for Respiratory Therapy Care as a Registered Respiratory Therapist and relevant work experience. Newly certified therapists may be appointed at the entry grade.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

This is an Excepted Appointment. Excepted service positions have been excepted from the requirements of the competitive service by law, Executive Order, or by OPM regulation (5 USC 2103 and 5 CFR part 213). Public law No. 108-170 converts this occupational series from the competitive civil service to the Hybrid Title 38 employment system.

Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future

Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position

All information submitted to this VA Medical Center is subject to verification by VetPro.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.

Recruitment Incentive may be authorized.

This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.

A drug test may be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.

A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.

Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).

[VACareers](#) has descriptions of all Title 38 Jobs and their benefits.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

HOW TO APPLY:

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 5/11/2006 for 1st consideration. These positions will be open until 1/8/07. Forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website, www.va.gov/Portland/hr/index.asp.

Applications may be mailed to:

Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS

Attn: T38H-06-291-JC

PO Box 1034

Portland, OR 97207

Or brought in person to:

Portland VA Medical Center

3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd

Building 16, Room 300

Portland OR 97239

Portland VAMC employees must submit:

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)
2. MPQ – Merit Promotion Questionnaire is optional but recommended if you have qualifications pertaining to the position applied for but are not in your OPF

Other VA Employees must submit:

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#)
4. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
5. Copies of all current licenses
6. Latest performance appraisal

Non VA Applicants must submit:

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later). **(REQUIRED)**.
4. Veterans Preference:
 - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
 - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
 - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
6. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**